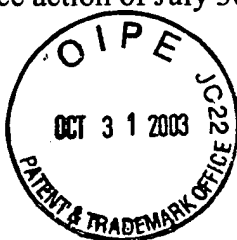


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At the outset applicants wish to thank the Examiner for allowance of claims 1, 3-5, 8-9, 12 and 19. This amendment is to make claims 7 and 9 dependent on allowed claim 1 and to cancel non-elected claims 13-15 and 20-22. Claims 7 and 9 are now allowable for the same reasons as claim 1. It is believed that these amendments place the case in condition for allowance while reserving applicant's right to pursue the non-elected claims in a timely filed divisional application.

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